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SUBJECT: ROME GENEVA GROUP MEETING JANUARY 26

REF: ROME 1446

1. MEETING LAST WEEK IN NEW YORK WAS NOT FOR PURPOSE OF
TAKING DECISION ON OVERHEAD BUT RATHER TO ELABORATE
PARAMETERS FOR STUDY. INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP
CONTINUING WITH NEXT SESSION JUNE 5, 1978. AGENCY HEADS
WILL BE ASKED TO SUBMIT:

(A) A STATEMENT FROM EACH AGENCY BRIEFLY DESCRIBING THE
ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE AGENCY TO
PROVIDE SUPPORT TO (I) UNDP-FINANCED PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS
AND (II) OTHER TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMS AND
PROJECTS;

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(B) A STATEMENT FROM EACH AGENCY ON THE MEASURES TAKEN IN
THE AGENCY TO REDUCE SUPPORT COSTS;

(C) A STATEMENT FROM EACH AGENCY ON THE MEASURES TAKEN TO
DECENTRALIZE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY TO THE REGIONAL
AND COUNTRY LEVEL AND INDICATING THE IMPACT OF THOSE
MEASURES ON SUPPORT FUNCTIONS AND COSTS;

(D) A STATEMENT FROM EACH AGENCY BRIEFLY DESCRIBING (I) THE BUDGETARY TREATMENT AND OVERHEAD PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM UNDP AND FROM OTHER EXTRABUDGETARY SOURCES, AND (II) THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR, AND EXTENT OF, INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW OF THE UTILIZATION OF SUCH OVERHEAD PAYMENTS;

(E) A STATEMENT FROM EACH AGENCY, WHERE APPLICABLE, SHOWING TO WHAT EXTENT, HOW AND WHERE ITS REGULAR BUDGET PROVIDES FOR SUBSIDIES TOWARDS MEETING ATTRIBUTED OVER-HEAD COSTS.

2. RE PARA 5 REFTTEL, IO IS PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES ON PLANS FOR A PILOT STUDY IN THE FIELD TO BE FOLLOWED BY A NUMBER OF OTHER (EIGHT) CASE STUDIES, AND ON PRESENTATION OF THESE PLANS TO GENEVA GROUP GENERAL. WE WILL SEND INFORMATION COPIES TO ROME AS SOON AS FINALIZED, BUT GENEVA GROUP ROME SHOULD NOT BE FORUM FOR INITIAL ACTION. FYI ONLY. THE PILOT STUDY IS TO BE IN KENYA, TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF APRIL. THE PAPER TO THE GENEVA GROUP GENERAL WILL INFORM THEM IN DETAIL OF OUR PLANS, AND INVITE PARTICIPATION ON THEIR PART, WHILE KEEPING IT A U.S. STUDY. VANCE

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